

Public Law 95-533
95th Congress

Joint Resolution

To consent to an amendment of the constitution of the State of New Mexico to provide a method for executing leases and other contracts for the development and operation of geothermal steam and waters on lands granted or confirmed to such State.

Oct. 27, 1978

[H.J. Res. 747]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That consent is given to the State of New Mexico to adopt the amendment to the constitution of such State proposed by the legislature in H.J.R. No. 17, section 1, New Mexico Laws 1618 (1967), and approved by the qualified electors of such State at the special election of November 7, 1967, and to amend article XXIV, section 1, of such constitution to read as follows:

New Mexico.
Constitution,
amendment.

"Leases and other contracts, reserving a royalty to the state, for the development and production of any and all minerals or for the development and operation of geothermal steam and waters on lands granted or confirmed to the state of New Mexico by the act of congress of June 20, 1910, entitled "An Act to enable the people of New Mexico to form a constitution and state government and be admitted into the union on an equal footing with the original states", may be made under such provisions relating to the necessity or requirement for or the mode and manner of appraisement, advertisement and competitive bidding, and containing such terms and provisions, as may be provided by act of the legislature; the rentals, royalties and other proceeds therefrom to be applied and conserved in accordance with the provisions of said act of congress for the support or in aid of the common schools, or for the attainment of the respective purposes for which the several grants were made."

36 Stat. 557.

SEC. 2. Consent is given to the State of New Mexico to enact laws and establish regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of the amendment to the constitution of such State described in the first section of this Act.

SEC. 3. Nothing in this Act shall be interpreted to limit, modify, supersede, amend, or otherwise affect any provision of Federal law other than section 10 of the Act of June 20, 1910, as amended (36 Stat. 557) or indicate that geothermal steam and associated geothermal resources are not minerals.

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